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SACRAMENTO CONFERENCE CHARTS FORWARD STEPS

Approve Action Toward Church Union; Pledge Reconstruction Aid

The recent meeting of the Northern alifornia Congregational Conference eld at Sacramento, adopted the follow- ig resolutions as presented by the Reso- itions Committee, consisting of Rev. . C. Hacke, Mrs. Ralph Conard, Rev. ugene V. Haynes:

1. We approve of the action of our General Council in attempting to get better acquainted with the Evangelical and Reformed Churches with a possibility of future action concerning the question of the union of their churches with the Congregational Christian churches, and
2. We also approve of the action of our General Council through the Federal Council of Churches of Christ looking toward denominational union on a larger scale.

Stress Stewardship

WHEREAS, Stewardship is one of the our major emphases in a Christian Church program, with evangelism, Christian education, and missions; and

WHEREAS, The world situation of suffering, destruction, and want, calls for Christian service and action; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-two denominations of this continent are engaged in a great United Stewardship Enlistment for 1946 and 1947,

BE IT RESOLVED: That we urge all the Churches of this Conference to engage in a conference-wide program of stewardship education during the remainder of 1946 and 1947.

Appeal for Amnesty

WHEREAS, The Congregational Christian churches have historically upheld the freedom of conscience in national and social life, we, the deelgates to the 1946 Northern California Congregational Conference, therefore petition the President of the United States to grant amnesty to men in prison because of conscientious objection to military service.

WHEREAS, The General Council of the Congregational Christian Churches assembled in Grinnell, Iowa, in June, 1946, passed a resolution that is of interest to all our churches and we desire to pass it on to them; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon our churches and people in our fellowship

1. To pursue earnestly and courageously the aims of the Postwar Emergency Program, to put the objectives of this program into effect within the life and leadership of each church; to attain and go beyond the financial goals already established to the end that the pitiful suffering of the peoples of war victimized countries may be alleviated, and that our churches at home and abroad may go from strength to strength in meeting postwar needs and opportunities.
2. To increase their goals and gifts to the Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction from an average minimum of $1.30 per member per year to an average minimum of $2.00 per member per year, so as to provide at least an additional $1,000,000 for relief and for reconstruction of churches and church life in Europe and Asia; to set as our goal for Increased Apportionment Giving a minimum of 40 per cent increase over 1945 rather than 33 1/3 per cent, in order that our total Postwar Emergency Program may be adequately realized, and the grand total financial goal of $6,114,576 be fully attained.
3. To request each delegate at this meeting to assume personal initiative and responsibility in encouraging and assisting the churches represented to do their full share and more in this emergency effort to meet dire needs and strategic opportunities. "In His name and for their sake."

Peabody New Moderator; Many Challenges To Faith and Action

"About the best Conference meeting ever," said Moderator Steve Peabody as he received the gavel from retiring Moderator David Gill at the banquet which closed the Ninetieth Annual Meeting of the Conference at Sacramento, where more than 400 delegates and visitors heard reports of progress to date and planned the work for the coming year among our 100 churches of Northern California.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected in addition to Mr. Peabody as Moderator:

Assistant Moderator: Mr. Scott Haymond.

Registrar: Rev. Harley H. Gill.

Preacher: Rev. Amos R. Boone.

Alternate Preacher: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday.

Fraternal Delegate to Southern California: Rev. William W. Meyer.

Visitors to Pacific School of Religion: Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe, Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, and Rev. J. Ford Forsyth.

Representatives to Northern California Council of Churches: Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. H. A. Chakmakjian, Mrs. R. A. Fuller, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, and Rev. Richard C. Norberg.

The Committee on Ministerial standing, including holdover members as well as those newly elected, will be:

Class of 1947 — Rev. Torrance Phelps, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Rev. Herbert C. Gans.

Class of 1948: Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. Joseph H. Bennett, Rev. Arthur L. Rice.

Class of 1949: Rev. G. Arthur Casaday, Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith, Rev. Hugh Vernon White.

The Board of Directors, who will have in charge the business of the Conference for the year 1946-47, will have 21 members, some of them elected at the Conference and others holding over, as follows:

1947: *Rev. Robert W. Inglis, Mr. Ralph G. Cole, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mrs. Torrance Phelps, *Mrs. Scott Haymond, Mr. C. R. Van Buskirk, Rev. T. E. Watt.

1948: *Rev. Ralph V. Conard, Mr. Harold T. Avery, Mrs. E. W. Benedict, *Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, *Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, *Rev. Stephen C. Peabody, *Mrs. James H. Price.

1949: *Mr. Pierce Coombes, *Mrs. R. A. Fuller, *Mr. David H. Gill, *Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Rev. Benjamin H. Kissler, Mr. Leon H. Smith, Rev. Maurice L. de Vries.

At the first meeting of the Board, Mr. Peirce Coombes was re-elected President; Rev. Donald F. Gaylord, Vice-President; Rev. Harley H. Gill, Secretary; Mr. Kenneth C. Kinney, Treasurer; Mr. C. S. Morse, Assistant Treasurer; and Mr. George E. Oefinger, Auditor. The Executive Committee includes the President and Vice-President and the names in the paragraph above preceded by an asterisk (*).

"You Americans promise so much and we have seen so little." With these words a frail Filipino woman challenged the Christians of America, through the report brought to us by Dr. Carl Heath Kopf, special emissary of the American Board to the Philippines, who paid a surprise visit to the Conference on his return trip. He told of the destruction caused by American bombs and of the simple request of the church people that the walls of their church might be rebuilt.

"Even if they are white, they're still really people, aren't they?" With these words Mrs. Lewis, Negro pastor's wife, challenged us to realistic brotherhood in the dramatic story of a Negro church joining forces with a "white" church to practice inclusive fellowship in the church. It was a radio drama, "A Declaration of Interdependence," written by Buell Gallagher and presented by the South Berkeley Community Church as part of the One Hundredth Anniversary celebration of the American Missionary Association, observed at the Sacramento Conference.

"We have five years to save the world from atomic destruction." So says President Hutchins of Chicago as quoted by National Moderator Albert Palmer in his stirring message at the Conference banquet. When the decks are cleared for action at sea the command to "throw the piano overboard" really means business, and with utter seriousness we Christians must face the urgency of our day. We must become an ecumenical church, and the acid test for us is in the proposed merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Said Dr. Palmer: "I hope to be the last Moderator to the Congregational Churches!" We have a constructive faith and it must be a vocal, militant faith in God, a courageous loyalty to Jesus Christ, and an evident demonstration to the world that our fellowship is of the Spirit.

These are a few hints that the Conference in Sacramento was an outstanding experience, although in these columns we have not even room to list the great speeches made at the Annual Meeting, nor to mention the names of the many people who helped to make it a time of great fellowship and high inspiration.

As always, the annual report of the Superintendent, the sheaf of reports, the exhibits and the seminars, brought new evidence of the vitality of the work that we are doing together, and of the steps forward for each of the churches in our fellowship. A Committee on New Work for the Conference was authorized as part of our vision of the task ahead for our churches in this area.

STANTON AT LODI YOUTH MEET

Pilgrim Fellowship Plans Mid-Winter Dec. 27-30; Haynes Named Director

Larry Stanton, American Board missionary in Mexico, adopted by our Northern California Pilgrim Fellowship young people, will fly from Guadalajara to be at the Mid-Winter Conference at Lodi December 27-30. Rev. Renton Brown, of Scotland, now at Chicago Theological Seminary on an exchange scholarship, will be another headline attraction to our youth. Director E. V. Haynes announces the price of $7.00, including all meals, from Friday afternoon through Monday morning. Committees are hard at work on plans; the theme is "United Youth for a United Church," and will feature an all-day rally on Sunday, the 29th, closing with communion in the evening for those who cannot attend the whole Conference.

LAUBACH MASS MEETING NOV. 29

Dr. Frank Laubach, outstanding Congregational missionary of worldwide fame, will be with us in Northern California on Friday, November 29. A mass meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

We wish Dr. Laubach could be with us long enough for an extended tour of the churches. Instead we must summon our people from far and near to come to this one mass meeting. The chance to hear Dr. Laubach should not be missed and the announcement of this meeting should be broadcast from every pulpit.

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Mahood to Pilgrim

Mr. Leland Mahood has accepted the call of the New Pilgrim Church of Oakland and will begin his pastorate on November 10. Mr. Mahood is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Heber Mahood of Santa Cruz. He graduated from the Santa Cruz High School with honors. He attended San Mateo Junior College and graduated from Whittier College in 1943. He has completed his theological work at Chicago Theological Seminary, and plans to be ordained sometime in January in his father's church at Santa Cruz.

Although Mr. Mahood is unmarried at present, he plans to marry Miss Miriam Elaine Evans in Chicago in April. Miss Evans expects to visit in Oakland in December of this year. She is studing for her Master's degree in psychology at the University of Chicago.

New Pilgrim Church will be the first full-time pastorate for Leland Mahood, although he has served summer pastorates in Malta, Montana, and Half Day, Illinois. We welcome him back to California, where he belongs!

WE JOIN IN SYMPATHY

Rev. Charles G. Marshall, former pastor at Sunnyvale, now resident at Santa Barbara, writes of the recent death of Mrs. Marshall from a heart attack. Friends of the Marshalls will want to join in extending our sympathy.

Anniversary At Benicia

One hundred seventy-six people attended the morning service celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Benicia Congregational Church, at which Superintendent Harley H. Gill was the speaker. Special features of the day included talks by three former ministers, Rev. J. B. Orr, Rev. T. Davis Preston, and Rev. Ernest W. Houlding; a reunion of the class of 1896 in the Church School; and the pre sentation of a beautiful pictorial history of the church. This historian's book, which was on display at the State Conference, includes documents of considerable historical interest as well as the story of the encouraging progress the church has made in the last few years during the pastorate of Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe.

STATE CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

The members of the 90th Annual Meeting of the Northern California Conference have been royally entertained by the Pioneer Congregational Church of Sacramento.

We have appreciated the beautiful sanctuary and the ample facilities of the parish house; we have enjoyed the hospitality of the homes of your parish, and the delicious meals served by the women of your church and the Baptist Church.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that we express our sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Torrance Phelps and Miss Josephine Fithian, minister of music, and all who have worked in various ways for our comfort. You have made possible a satisfactory session of the Conference, and we thank you.

The Conference also voted resolutions regarding propositions on the ballot for the November 5th election as follows:

It took a strong stand aaginst proposition No. 2 on dog racing.

It favored proposition No. 3 regarding education, and for the same reason opposed proposition No. 13.

It took its stand in favor of No. 11, known as the F.E.P.C. Measure, and opposed proposition No. 15 validating the unfair alien land laws.

THE POSTWAR EMERGENCY IS NOW

World Need Looms and Christians Respond; Conard Offers Helps

"Only tough people can survive in India," says Dr. Albert Coe, reporting on his recent visit there as chairman of our Congregational Committee for War Victims and Reconstruction. "There were scrawny cows giving only a pint of milk a day or at the very most two quarts." In Greece a boy came to a Congregational relief station asking for a shirt instead of food. He said his brother and he have one shirt between them. On the day he goes out his brother has to stay at home, naked. Do you have trouble buying shirts?

Channels are now open for relief to go directly to Japan and gifts to CWVR may be earmarked for Japan, or for any other country. The rations now in Tokyo are: 3 matches per month, one hotel-size cake of soap every three months, 24 sheets of toilet paper per month. The silk worm industry in Japan has been largely wiped out because people have eaten the silk worms.

The concern of Congregational people, expressing itself through more than $100,000 per month, is even yet only a drop in the bucket beside the needs of the world. The resolution passed at Sacramento calls for giving to CWVR at the rate of $2.00 per member as a very minimum, and an increase by 40 per cent over 1945 apportionment giving to meet the vast opportunities for postwar work through the world mission of our churches.

We have two visual and audio aids available for your use: first, "The Cummington Story," a 16-mm. sound film requiring a sound projector; secondly, "CWVR in Action," a series of kodachrome slides with a script to be read, a report of what CWVR has done with your gifts for relief and reconstruction. If you wish either of these, write Rev. Ralph V. Conrad, P. O. Box 372, Alameda.

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	App't. Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1945	App't. Jan. 11 to Oct. 31, 1946	C.W.V.R. 1946
Adin	$ 38.80	$ 28.44	$ 40.01
Alameda	831.40	1,262.56	847.73
Alturas	87.69	148.06	133.39
Angels Camp	153.00	155.00	185.59
Antioch	75.16	25.38	
Auburn	135.50	168.85	163.00
Benicia	230.00		219.56
Berkeley			
Arlington	101.60	53.62	92.50
First	5,209.71	8,134.50	4,993.76
Chinese		10.00	51.81
North	540.85	645.07	495.25
Northbrae			85.00
South	491.80	497.18	126.02
Biola			100.00
Campbell	154.00	193.50	78.00
Cedarville		101.25	
Cloverdale	91.99	74.54	3.00
Cotati	85.00	50.00	25.00
Crockett	50.44	71.57	22.98
Elk Grove			60.00
Etna		5.89	
Eureka	426.53	692.45	591.35
Fairfax	65.94		
Ferndale	347.25	343.68	319.19
Fresno, 1st	1,150.00	755.00	913.90
Pilgrim	414.62	560.00	157.87
Glen Ellen	51.00	140.00	195.00
Grass Valley		25.00	
Guerneville	40.41	48.58	129.73
Hayward	100.00	10.00	418.21
Kenwood	11.46	8.45	
Lodi, Ebenezr			1,970.64
First	1,609.00	3,422.50	5,320.00
Loleta	77.00	7.62	
Loomis	80.18	300.00	5.00
Martinez	373.47	877.71	428.09
Murphys	83.40	81.00	18.00
Niles	55.00	50.00	150.00
Oakland, First	4,450.00	5,334.40	1,326.62
Fruitvale	45.00	56.50	10.00
Japanese	15.00	30.00	
Pilgrim	63.00	101.96	156.37
Plymouth	1,049.02	1,128.55	3.00
Orinda	195.80	365.15	65.55
Oroville	323.00	614.89	500.40
Pacific Grove	329.95	249.60	
Palo Alto	525.00	1,100.00	600.00
Paradise	225.00	400.00	
Parlier		25.00	
Penngrove	78.50	28.40	41.26
Pescadero	10.00		81.01
Petaluma	881.70	1,011.00	
Pittsburg	220.30	255.66	80.10
Port Chicago	36.56	39.94	73.00
Porterville	800.00	1,100.00	725.00
Redwood City	684.04	793.19	373.99
Reedley	25.00		
Rio Vista	70.00	256.40	84.60
Ripon	182.60	239.92	218.95
Sacramento, First	800.00	1,300.00	1,010.00
Sacramento, Sierra Arden		45.49	
Salida	126.00	60.00	18.00
San Carlos	210.20	275.40	143.15
San Francisco			
Bethany Mssn. Park	225.00	245.06	72.75
Chinese		20.00	30.00
First	558.27	1,166.86	371.30
Ocean View	91.15	75.00	15.00
Park Presidio	167.00	193.98	167.00
Sanger			247.32
San Jose	508.32	783.52	594.97
San Leandro	183.05	158.26	6.00
San Lorenzo			50.00
San Mateo	710.95	510.73	59.00
San Rafael	89.00	42.55	
Santa Cruz	650.00	880.00	232.00
Santa Rosa	164.00	241.46	35.00
Saratoga	533.97	387.56	177.84
Sebastopol	285.90	368.52	177.40
Sonoma	46.68	231.50	151.63
Soquel	90.00	101.00	99.00
Stockton	535.11	779.08	527.62
Suisun	109.00	111.54	117.20
Sunnyvale	53.06	75.00	
Tulare	565.00	590.33	
Weaverville	75.00	100.00	65.56
Woodside	23.80	11.50	92.43
Reno, Nevada	516.77	730.92	192.04
*Miscellaneous	885.56	1,260.40	1,471.42
	31,575.46	42,877.62	28,803.56

*Includes gifts of German Churches.

LAYMEN'S RETREATS ARE MOUNTAIN-TOP EXPERIENCE

Three Already Held, Three More Coming, In Laymen's Fall Program

"When a little group of Christians faced the lions in the Roman amphitheatre, they didn't worry about petty jealousies—they were ready to give their lives rather than deny their Christian faith."

"What we need is stronger faith in God and belief in Jesus Christ."

"The men of the church must take the lead." "The church's primary job is to show people what the basic loyalty and security of life is—God."

"People must be trained in giving—they give not merely on the basis of how much they get but how much they care."

"We found ideas that were dormant put to work as we came back into active church work." "How can we take evangelism more seriously? Men do give time to Community Chest work, and they can to Church work, too." "Our church fellowship has to be a demonstration of brotherhood that reaches out to include people, not merely invite them."

Such were some of the comments and questions that held men for hours on end with searching discussion at the Laymen's Retreat at Drobish Ranch, November 2nd and 3rd. The third in a series of six similar retreats sponsored by our Laymen's Commission, the meeting was a real mountain-top experience for each man. In the give and take of discussion and exploration, there resulted not merely new ideas but new loyalty to the Church and vision of its task.

First two retreats in the series were held at Congregational Cazadero in September.

Later retreats are planned for Vallicita (near Angels Camp) Nov. 16-17, Tulare Nov. 30-Dec. 1, and Mt. Hermon Dec. 7-8. Details may be secured from your pastor or from the Conference office.

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MINSTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

PALO ALTO. The Church has extended a call to the Rev. G. Arthur Casday, presently of Mill Valley, who has accepted and will begin his pastorate here on January 1.

GUERNEVILLE. The church council received with regret the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Henry Hayden, who has served since the summer of 1943. Mr. Hayden plans to take up the duties of secretary of the United Student Christian Fellowship on the campus of the University of New Mexico, serving as counsellor and chaplain to approximately 2000 Protestant students at the University in Albuquerque. The Haydens plan to leave on or about January 15, 1947. The Church School is at an all-time high. Enlistment Sunday will be observed in November to make plans for increased aid to CWVR and missions. The Church School is already planning substantial gifts.

SAN CARLOS. At a recognition service on Sunday afternoon, October 28, Rev. Weldon Batty, who has been serving as assistant pastor, was installed as pastor of the San Carlos Community Church, with ministers of the area joining in the recognition service.

FRESNO, FIRST. November will have three New Church planning Sundays, including registration day, dedication day, and victory day. These Sundays and the two weeks between, says Rev. John Gregg, will mark a new milestone in the history of the church.

SAN JOSE. A nursery school, meeting three mornings a week, has 25 children of several racial groups. A junior high Pilgrim Fellowship group has been organized with 14 charter members.

SUNNYVALE. A new Pilgrim Fellowship group has been formed, with twenty members, of the eighth grade and junior high ages. A deacon and his wife will be advisers. The church was filled on World Communion Sunday.

OAKLAND, JAPANESE. In recent weeks Rev. Norio Ozaki has preached and called in Richmond, San Mateo, and Hunters Point. On a late Sunday the pulpit guest was Miss Mary Coxhead, just returned from relief work in London under the CWVR.

MARTINEZ. After a number of Sunday services with not enough hymn books to go around, it has been decided to buy a set of the new Pilgrim Hymnal for the church. The Macoyas (Martinez Congregational Young Adult Society) have planned an active program for the fall and winter.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Prayer meetings are being held this fall in the various homes of the parish. Young musicians of the church have provided special numbers for the Sunday morning services. All organizations have announced active programs for the year.

LOOMIS. Plans are under way for redecorating the church sanctuary and buying a new church organ. The Church School has been reorganized, with 25 attending the kindergarten department alone. The Pilgrim Fellowship group had the banner delegation at a recent rally in Sacramento, with thirty attending.

ORINDA. Dr. Miles B. Fisher, former pastor, was a guest at a special service which included a farewell to him as he leaves Northern California to move to Claremont. Rev. Fred Morrow has spent considerable time with leaders of the church investigating possibilities of getting a temporary building for the Orinda church. The Church School is the largest in its history. The October number of "The Neighbor" included a summary of recommendations on election issues from various civic and religious bodies.

WEAVERVILLE. The pastor, Rev. William F. Keeney, reports that Mrs. Frank Davenport has turned in the first ten subscriptions to The Pacific and expects ten more this month. Besides the work of the junior choir, the Pilgrim Fellowship made an excursion to the Shasta Dam as guests of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of Redding. The P. F. bowling team is entered in the local tournament. A well-attended reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Keeney. The Friendly Service quota has been taken care of and the Ladies Aid is now getting ready for their Thank Offering program.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA - ARDEN. Forty-five charter members were received into the church at the communion service on October 6. In the year that the Reverends Mary and Joseph Chester have been at work there have been 666 pastoral calls, and 990 people served with dinners and refreshments at the parsonage. A third youth group has been organized for older young people, all three groups meeting Sunday evening. Two hundred attended the Church School Rally Day service in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Page Ellis, in whose home half of the Sunday School meets regularly. A financial campaign is under way for improvements in the church lot, looking toward a church building as soon as it is possible to build.

PETALUMA. The children's choir is participating in the regular church service and will sing an anthem on the first Sunday of each month. A new group for young women is being organized. Rev. Herbert Gans preached on November 3 on "Martin Luther and the 1946 election."

OAKLAND, FIRST. The Men's Club had a dinner meeting to practice for their participation in the choir on Laymen's Sunday. The Women's Fall Festival was a great success both financially and as a promoter of fellowship. The Church School now includes a nursery for two to four year olds.

SAN LORENZO. The leadership of the church has been strengthened by two brothers, both coming from a Congregational church in Chicago. One of the men will have charge of the Christian Education program. The church has been asked to take charge of the music at the community Christmas festival.

BERKELEY, NORTH. Leyden Club, the young people's society of the church, presented Robert Gordon Bruce, tenor, in a program of religious music. The offering was used to pay dues to Pilgrim Fellowship and for a donation to the church. A Hallowe'en party took the place of the regular Family Night pot-luck ·ɹəddns

LODI. Dr. Wofford Timmons, associate secretary of the General Council, was pulpit guest on a recent Sunday at First Church, and in the evening addressed a united youth meeting of the First, Ebenezer, and Zion Reformed Churches. This was followed by an eight o'clock meeting for the adults of the three churches, held at the Ebenezer Church.

SACRAMENTO, FIRST. On October 13 fifteen joined the church, making a total of 136 in 1946. Among those who have joined during the past year are the president of the local college and the principal of a large Junior High school. The church has engaged a minister of music, who has organized four choirs, to be vested, who will render combined numbers at the services. Rev. Torrance Phelps has a morning Bible class for the study of devotional chapters, to develop the practice of prayer, and to encourage daily Bible reading and prayer in the home.

BERKELEY, FIRST. The fall seminars are maintaining the strong tradition of inspiration and churchmanship, with the help of President Ronald Bridges, Prof. Hugh Vernon White, Provost Monroe Deutsch, and other outstanding leaders, working with the pastors, Dr. Ford Forsyth and Dr. Vere Loper. Winthrop League, the high school group, is undertaking to buy a heifer for relief under the CWVR program.

SARATOGA. Rev. and Mrs. Gordon King observed their first anniversary of coming to Saratoga with an open house, attended by more than a hundred members and friends of the church. Thirty-three members have been received this year and the church is operated on a seven-day schedule, with fifteen weekly activities and ten additional monthly events, including a hobby shop project.

PORT CHICAGO. The exterior of the church is resplendent with a new coat of white paint, accomplished with the help of the laymen of the church. In the meantime the women were responsible for a thorough house-cleaning party inside the church. The new Pilgrim Fellowship group is off to a strong start. The pastor, Rev. W. C. Besselievre, is active in civic affairs.

CEDARVILLE. A potluck supper on Sunday, October 20, marked the formal launching of a fall program of activities, with music provided by several community organizations. The pastor, Rev. Terence Stoker, has been instrumental in organizing Modoc County Pilgrim Fellowship rallies, one of which was held Saturday and Sunday, November 9 and 10. Regular Sunday evening services are being held in Eagleville.

CROCKETT. A beautiful set of altar candlesticks were recently given to the church in memory of one of the boys lost in the war. A monthly "church night" has been inaugurated, the first of which had a large turnout for a potluck supper. The men were in charge of the October meeting, which was in the form of a surprise party. Cent-a-meal boxes are finding a ready reception in the homes again. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson is the pastor.

ANGELS CAMP. The church is in the midst of a promising Loyalty Campaign. Eighty-five attended a recent church supper. An orchestra for the young people is being organized.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The church is happy in securing for a limited period the pastoral leadership of Dr. Yam-tong Hoh of Canton, China. Dr. Hoh has served as principal of two schools in China, holds Master's degree from Stanford University, and Ph. D. degree from Columbia. Although he will be returning to China in the near future the church is rallying under his leadership.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM. The October potluck supper, held in the Women's Club hall, was in the nature of a farewell party for Rev. and Mrs. Byron E. Eshelman. A large crowd was present and everyone wished the best of luck to the minister, who is leaving to become chaplain at Alcatraz prison. Mr. and Mrs. Eshelman were each presented with a wrist watch and other substantial gifts from the parish. The program included a review of the significant steps forward in the life of the church during Mr. Eshelman's pastorate.

PENNGROVE. Seventy children are enrolled in the Sunday School this fall. Thirty-eight are enrolled in weekday released time classes. On a recent Sunday evening, on the invitation of the pastor, Rev. George Hetenyi, the Pilgrim Fellowship group was visited by Sara Garrison, area president, and Bobbette Thompson of the Pilgrim Fellowship State Cabinet.

PORTERVILLE. A most successful Harvest Festival was held on October 26 under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Daley, president of the Women's Association. In connection with the community-wide "Home Coming" celebration, November 10-11, this church celebrates its 55th anniversary, honoring the pioneers and returning service men. The Rev. J. A. Milligan, pastor from 1896-1906, will share in the service of worship with the Rev. Willis L. Goldsmith.

TULARE. The church had a congregation of 165 at the hour and a half service on World Communion Sunday, October 6. Twenty new members were received into the church, bringing the total for the year so far to 37. There are already nine people definitely on the list for the next reception of members. A plan of registering the entire congregation on Sunday mornings has been adopted. The choir is starting this fall somewhat stronger, with thirty voices and new volunteers continuing to express interest.

BENICIA. Mr. Harvey Henkel, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has organized the men into a very effective painting crew. For a cost of $150 the exterior of the church has been given two coats of the best quality paint; this would have cost $1000 by contract. In September the women of the church gave a breakfast, with the program broadcast over KPO, with Mrs. Jane Lee. The choir has been completely reorganized under the leadership of Mr. Roy McCall, music instructor of the high school. Rev. Elmo D. Wolfe is the pastor.

MURPHYS. The church sanctuary is being improved and a beautiful new altar has been made and installed. The painting of the building will be started soon.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The usual meeting of the Federation will be held in the First Church, Oakland, on Thursday, November 21.

WOMEN PROMINENT AT SACRAMENTO MEETINGS

The ninetieth annual meeting of the Conference, toward which we had been looking forward for some time, has come and gone, and was an exceptionally good one. There was an excellent attendance, and the proportion of women in the audience was gratifying. At the women's dinner on Wednesday and the luncheon on Thursday the rooms allotted to us were filled. At the roll call on Thursday, your editor counted ninety-three present, although that was necessarily an imperfect count. The Bay Association had the largest showing, though we more than suspect that if the ladies who were working so hard and so efficiently in the kitchen had been counted the Sacramento Association would have led. The Redwood Empire Association, the most widely scattered of them all, had an excellent showing, standing fourth in the list.

In these days of scarce commodities and high prices, the work of the women of the church and assisting churches deserves more than a casual reference. They were serving not merely our Federation women but also the whole Conference, five meals in succession, two lunches and three dinners. Many of us said, "How do they do it?" The cordiality of their greetings as we met them and the patience with which they took reservations which came in long, long after the deadline published in the preliminary announcements call for our thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. Palmer Speaks

The Wednesday dinner was served at the First Baptist Church, in a huge room downstairs divided by a partition, the other side of which the Pilgrim Fellowship young people were also being served. Your editor must admit to a wish that she were able to be in two places at once, for the sounds that came from the other side of that partition were expressive of the most whole-souled enjoyment. However, we had nothing to regret in the address that we heard from Mrs. Albert Palmer, who has worked with many groups of women and in many places.

Her topic was arresting, "Church Women Face the Future," and the address that followed was no less so. Church women are always facing the future, but, as Mrs. Palmer pointed out, they are not always doing anything about it. That discouraged comment, "Nothing will be done about it," was heard several times in the course of the Conference—heard, always to be refuted — as Mrs. Palmer proceeded to refute it. We should take a survey of our methods and aims every two or three years, in order that we shall not continue using old patterns. **Progressive change is a necessity, for,** as she pointed out, **a rut becomes a groove and a groove is just a grave with the ends knocked out!** We are progressing in the direction of unity; the air is full of the thought. We have a World Council of Churches; we have just held a World Communion Day; the key word at Grinnell was One Race, repeated again and again; world citizenship, world backgrounds, are studied in our schools; the war has certainly made us aware of world geography. Physically, too, the airplane and the long distance telephone have made us one world. Mrs. Palmer cited the Irishman who had dined with his family in Ireland one night and was back in this country the second succeeding night. We may be proud of the fact that interdenominationalism **belongs** to Congregationalism. Mrs. Palmer urged our changing the terms Home and Foreign as applied to our missionary work, to National and International.

At the same dinner, Mr. James Price made a plea for renewed support of our Cazadero project — a plea which was punctuated by the sounds of laughter and applause from the other side of the partition. We all, I am sure, felt that the hope for inter-racial, international, and interdenominational progress lies with those young people whom Cazadero helps to serve.

Sue Barnwell at Luncheon

Miss Sue Barnwell, who held the same post in the Southern California Conference that Mrs. James Price holds in our own, was the speaker at our Thursday afternon luncheon. Among many good thoughts, she stressed that of our devotional services. There was the leader who remarked that there would be two minutes for the devotions as there was much **important** business to be attended to! She suggested as a prayer we might all make our own, "Lord, re-create Thyself in the life of this church, and **begin with me.**" In our giving, too, we need to spur ourselves to greater effort. We have not yet reached the pre-war level. In answer to the question sent to several groups of people, "Could Christian women prevent World War III?" she received among many replies, the following two which give us pause. From a college girl: "Yes, but I don't think they will."; from a high school girl: "They could if they were Christian." Miss Barnwell recommended for our reading "The Bomb that Fell on America," by Hagedorn.

It does not belong in this column to report on the Conference as a whole, but there are one or two echoes which may be emphasized as they were in line with our own work. First and foremost, this is the Centenary of the American Missionary Association, as we were reminded many times. Most of our Friendly Service work is among the schools, colleges, and hospitals, begun or now aided by that Association. Dr. Fred L. Brownlee, general secretary of the organization, was with us and spoke several times, giving a summary of its history from the beginning, with the story of the "Amistad," to the present with the 9,500 students in the colleges alone and the record of forty-eight million dollars administered during the period, for all branches of the work. The South Berkeley Community Church, one of our Thank Offering projects this year, contributed a large share toward our consideration of the inter-racial effort, as well as to our enjoyment, by a presentation of a brief "radio drama" in which two Pilgrim Fellowship girls just returned from camp—one white and one Negro —decided that "something **should** be done about it," and worked out with the aid of their pastors a plan for inter-dependence between their two churches. Finally, we were very proud, as women to hear the address of the Rev. Mary McKee Chester, pastor of the Sierra-Arden Community Church in Sacramento.

600 MORE

Another sailing of the Marine Lynx is due soon, with over 600 missionaries returning to their work or beginning new work in the Orient. Added to the 400 who sailed a few weeks ago, and the hundreds who have gone by other routes, here is evidence of a powerful hand of fellowship across the sea, and of a mighty strengthening of the world Christian community to meet the needs of our day.

Stockton Students

Eight hundred different students were reached by the Student Christian Association of the College of the Pacific, which receives part of its support from the denomination as a part of our student program. In this case as in others we are helping in an interdenominational program rather than promoting competitive denominationalism.

In addition to regular chapel services, the members of the SCA assist in Sunday morning worship throughout the school year. The varied program of activities, planned and carried out by the students with the help of Rev. Hollis Hayward, as full time secretary, includes public affairs, Christian faith, community service, fellowship, and public relations.

Evangelism Conference At Bakersfield

Laymen and ministers from Northern California and Southwest Conferences will be meeting in Bakersfield November 14 and 15 for a conference on Evangelism, sponsored by the National Commission. The team of leaders includes Dr. William E. Dudley, Dr. Guy Black, Dr. Albert W. Palmer, and Dr. Henry David Gray, with Superintendent Gill presiding and Superintendent Dreier of the Southwest leading the services of worship.

Members of our Conference Committee on Evangelism will be in attendance, together with others ready to receive new inspiration and make new plans for the work of the churches.

Among the plans discussed will be "How to start and conduct Visitation Evangelism," "Evangelism in Christian Education," "Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Church," "Motivation for Christian Life and Service," and "Christian Belief and Attitudes." The program is geared to planning for the local church.

Co-op Meeting

A meeting of interest to church social action people is to be held in San Francisco December 12, on the subject of "The Church and Cooperatives." The West Coast will be fortunate to have as speakers Dr. J. Henry Carpenter and Dr. Cameron P. Hall, both of the Federal Council Committee on Church and Cooperatives. The event is being jointly sponsored by Bay area church councils and Associated Cooperatives, the regional cooperative wholesale.

The meeting is to be held at the Clinton Cafeteria, 1039 Market Street, San Francisco, with dinner at 6:30. Those not coming for dinner will be welcome at 7:30.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER 14-15—Evangelism Conference, Bakersfield.
NOVEMBER 16-17 — Laymen's Retreat, Central Area, at Vallicita.
NOVEMBER 14-20—Children's Workers' Clinics with E & R Churches.
NOVEMBER 24—Life Service Recruits' meeting at Pacific School, Berkeley.
NOVEMBER 24—Junior Hi Rally, Grace United Church, San Francisco.
NOVEMBER 29—West Bay P. F. Rally, San Mateo, speaker Dr. Frank Laubach (at 4:30 p.m.).
NOVEMBER 29—Laubach Mass Meeting, First Church, Berkeley, 8 p.m.
NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1 — Laymen's Retreat, San Joauin area, at Tulare.
DECEMBER 7—East Bay P. F. Rally, Oakland Plymouth, speaker Dr. Henry Smith Leiper.
DECEMBER 8—Junior High Rally, Salida.
DECEMBER 7-8—Laymen's Retreat, Mt. Hermon.
DECEMBER 27-30—Pilgrim Fellowship Midwinter Conference, Lodi.
JANUARY 14—Annual meeting Northern California Council of Churches.
JANUARY 30—Annual Meeting, Federation of Congregational Women.
FEBRUARY 11, 12, 13—Pastor's Conference, Pacific School of Religion.

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